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SENATE BILL No. 267

DIGEST OF SB 267 (Updated March 1, 2001 11:43 AM - DI 101)

Citations Affected: IC 3-7; noncode.

Synopsis: Statewide voter registration file. Requires the election division of the secretary of state's office to maintain the statewide voter registration file so that the file is accessible by the election division and county voter registration offices through a secure connection over the Internet not later than July 1, 2004. Requires county voter registration offices to transmit required voter registration information to the election division over the Internet, in a manner and method prescribed by the election division, through a secure connection to the statewide voter registration file, not later than July 1, 2004. Requires the election division to format the file so that only the county voter registration office of a particular county is able to change data in the file for that particular county's voters. Provides that the election commission is not required to provide direct public access to the statewide voter registration file over the Internet. Appropriates \$6,000,000 from the state general fund to the election division beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2004, to assist counties and the election division to develop and implement the technical ability to transmit voter registration information over the Internet to the statewide voter registration file. Repeals obsolete sections of the statute that establishes the statewide voter registration file.

Effective: July 1, 2001.

Skillman, Lawson C, Breaux, Blade

January 11, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Legislative Apportionment & Elections.

January 29, 2001, reported favorably — Do Pass; reassigned to Committee on Finance.
March 1, 2001, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2000 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 3-7-26-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 2. (a) The ~~commission~~ **election**
- 3 **division** shall develop and maintain a statewide voter registration file.
- 4 (b) **Not later than July 1, 2004, the election division shall**
- 5 **maintain the statewide voter registration file so that the file is**
- 6 **accessible by the election division and county voter registration**
- 7 **offices through a secure connection over the Internet.**
- 8 SECTION 2. IC 3-7-26-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 9 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 3. (a) Each county voter registration
- 10 office shall provide the voter registration information required under
- 11 section 7 of this chapter to the election division.
- 12 (b) The voter registration office shall periodically update the voter
- 13 registration information as provided in this chapter and in IC 3-7-38.1.
- 14 (c) **The election division shall format the statewide voter**
- 15 **registration file required under section 2(b) of this chapter so that**
- 16 **only the county voter registration office of a particular county is**
- 17 **able to change data in the file for that particular county's voters.**

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1 SECTION 3. IC 3-7-26-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 8. **(a) Until a county has the**
 3 **capability to transmit the information over the Internet as**
 4 **required under subsection (b),** the information required by section 7
 5 of this chapter shall be provided on magnetic media or other machine
 6 readable form to the election division.

7 **(b) Not later than July 1, 2004, a county voter registration office**
 8 **shall transmit the information required by section 7 of this chapter**
 9 **to the election division over the Internet, in a manner and using a**
 10 **method prescribed by the election division, through a secure**
 11 **connection to the statewide voter registration file.**

12 **(c) The commission shall prescribe a format to ensure the**
 13 **standardization and readability of the data transmitted under**
 14 **subsection (a) or (b).**

15 SECTION 4. IC 3-7-26-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 16 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 9. **(a) Except as provided in**
 17 **subsection (b) and** section 11 of this chapter, the commission shall act
 18 under IC 5-14-3-3(g) to adopt a nondiscriminatory uniform policy
 19 regarding the duplication of a complete and undivided compilation of
 20 the information all counties have provided to the statewide voter file.
 21 The commission and the election division may not provide any division
 22 of the compilation.

23 **(b) The commission is not required to provide direct public**
 24 **access to the statewide voter registration file over the Internet.**

25 SECTION 5. THE FOLLOWING ARE REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 26 JULY 1, 2001]: IC 3-7-26-1; IC 3-7-26-18.

27 SECTION 6. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001] **(a) There is**
 28 **appropriated to the election division of the office of the secretary**
 29 **of state six million dollars (\$6,000,000) from the state general fund**
 30 **beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2004, to assist county**
 31 **voter registration offices and the election division to develop and**
 32 **implement the technical ability to transmit voter registration**
 33 **information over the Internet to the statewide voter registration**
 34 **file under IC 3-7-26-8, as amended by this act.**

35 **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2004.**

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SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senator Lawson C be added as second author of Senate Bill 267.

SKILLMAN

SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senator Breaux be added as coauthor of Senate Bill 267.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Legislative Apportionment and Elections, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 267, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS and be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Finance.

(Reference is made to Senate Bill 267 as introduced.)

LANDSKE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senator Blade be added as coauthor of Senate Bill 267.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Finance, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 267, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, line 4, delete "The" and insert "**Not later than July 1, 2004, the**".

Page 1, line 15, after "file" insert "**required under section 2(b) of this chapter**".

Page 2, line 2, delete "The" and insert "**Until a county has the capability to transmit the information over the Internet as required under subsection (b), the**".

Page 2, line 3, delete "as follows:" and insert "on magnetic media or other machine readable form to the election division."

Page 2, delete lines 4 through 11, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(b) Not later than July 1, 2004, a county voter registration office shall transmit the information required by section 7 of this chapter to the election division over the Internet, in a manner and using a method prescribed by the election division, through a secure connection to the statewide voter registration file."

Page 2, line 12, delete "(b)" and insert "(c)".

Page 2, line 13, delete "." and insert "**transmitted under subsection (a) or (b).**".

Page 2, line 28, delete "one dollar (\$1)" and insert "**six million dollars (\$6,000,000)**".

Page 2, line 29, delete "2003," and insert "**2004,**".

Page 2, line 30, after "offices" insert "**and the election division**".

Page 2, line 30, after "develop" insert "**and implement**".

Page 2, line 33, delete "2003." and insert "**2004.**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 267 as introduced.)

BORST, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0.



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